

95 first lamina and encapsulating said RFID circuit and said antenna between said first and second laminae.

REMARKS

Applicant acknowledges the courtesy of a telephonic interview afforded applicant's counsel on Thursday, April 29, 1999. During the interview, Applicant agreed to amend claim 1 to distinguish over the applied art by providing for laminae having outer and inner surfaces with programmable encoder circuitry and signal generator circuitry imprinted on one of said inner surfaces.

Similar amendments are made in claims 7 and 13. In discussing the Ross/Tuttle combination and proposed amended claim 1, Applicant pointed out that claim 1 now defines first and second polymer laminae having outer and inner surfaces on one of which inner surfaces the encoder and generator circuitry is imprinted with the laminae being secured to each other to provide for the encapsulating of the circuitry.

The Tuttle reference shows a progressive build-up of a circuit on the substrate and the insertion of a rigidifying member to reinforce the Tuttle tag and the subsequent folding over of a single portion of the substrate.

Ross provides no details of the wristband construction or the specific manner in which the circuitry is installed other than it appears to be constituted by previously fabricated circuitry components.

Claim 2 has been cancelled without prejudice. Claim 3 has been rewritten to incorporate the language of the original claim 1 with the limitations of claim 3, and

claim 4 has been amended to incorporate the original language of claim 1. Claims 7 and 13 have been amended in a similar manner to claim 1 and distinguish over the applied art for the same reasons as utilized in discussing claim 1.

Claims 3, 6, 9, 12, and 15 have been rejected under 35 USC §112. During the interview with the Examiner, it was pointed out that there was adequate support for the conductive polymer limitation at page 6, line 10. Upon review by the Examiner, he explicitly withdrew the rejection of claims 3, 6, 9, 12, and 15.

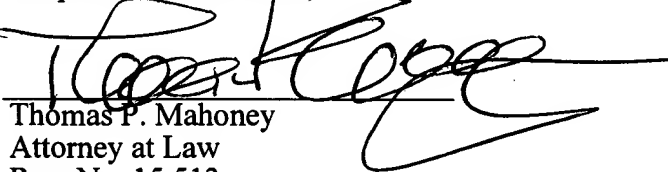
As indicated by the amendment of the specification, new Figs. 14-16 are submitted herewith showing the two- and three-laminae bracelet assembly and the reader/bracelet co-action.

In view of the extensive amendment of the specification to describe the additional drawings supportive of the language of claims 7-12 and 13-16, the extensive amendment of claims 1, 7, and 13 to distinguish over the applied art and the presence in the specification of supporting language for rejected claims 3, 6, 9, 12, and 15, it is thought that the application is in condition for allowance, notice whereof is respectfully requested of the examiner in his next action.

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